DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Secretary
Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Forging Machines

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Forging Machines,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at (202) 693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: (202) 395–6929/Fax: (202) 395–6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at (202) 693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under regulations 29 CFR 1910.218, it is mandatory for covered employers to conduct and to document periodic inspections of forging machines, guards, and point-of-operation protection devices and to mark manually controlled valves and switches. These requirements reduce workers’ risks of death or serious injury by ensuring that forging machines used by them are in safe operating condition and that the workers are able to identify manually operated valves and switches.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1218–0228. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2011; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on May 24, 2011 (76 FR 30200). Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1218–0228. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
Title of Collection: Forging Machines. OMB Control Number: 1218–0228. Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not for profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,700.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 1,440,788.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

Dated: October 24, 2011.

Michel Smyth, Departmental Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Development of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration’s Five-Year Research and Evaluation Strategic Plan for 2010–2015; Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given on the development of the U.S. Department of Labor (Department), Employment and Training Administration’s (ETA) Five-Year Research and Evaluation Strategic Plan for 2010–2015, hereafter referred to as the “Research Plan.” The Research Plan is required under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(a)). The Research Plan sets a research agenda by identifying high priority topics for potential pilot, demonstration, multiservice, multistate, research, and evaluation efforts that should be examined over the next five years. The draft Research Plan was based on a consultation process of internal and external stakeholders. This request for public comment is another opportunity for ETA to receive additional stakeholder feedback as part of its process in finalizing the Research Plan and transmitting it to Congress.

To download a copy of the full draft report as a PDF, visit the ETA Research Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/reports/fiveyear_researchplan.cfm.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 14, 2011.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or suggestions by any one of the following methods:
• Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: Please submit all written comments (including disk and CD–ROM submissions) to DOL/ETA, Office of Policy Development and Research, Attn: ETA Research Plan, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210. Be advised that mail delivery in the Washington, DC area may be delayed due to security concerns. Hand-delivered comments will be received at the above address. All overnight mail will be considered to be hand-delivered and must be received at the designated place by the date specified above.
• Facsimile: Please fax comments to (202) 693–2766 attention to “ETA Research Plan.”
• Email: Please send comments to eta.research@dol.gov with subject line “ETA Research Plan.”

Please submit your comments by only one method. The Department will not review comments received by means other than those listed above or that are received after the comment period has closed. The Department will post all comments received on http://www.regulations.gov without making any change to the comments, including any personal information provided. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is a Federal portal, and all comments posted there are available and accessible to the public. The Department cautions commenters not to include their personal information such as Social Security Numbers, personal addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses in their comments as such submitted information will become viewable by the public on the http://www.regulations.gov Web site. It is the commenter’s responsibility to safeguard his or her information. Comments submitted through http://www.regulations.gov will not include the commenter’s email address unless the commenter chooses to include that information as part of his or her comment. Postal delivery in Washington, DC may be delayed due to security concerns. Therefore, the Department encourages the public to submit comments through the http://www.regulations.gov Web site. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Regulations.gov Federal portal at http://www.regulations.gov and enter Docket ID: ETA–2011–0003 in the search field. The Department will also make all the comments it receives available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ETA Office of Policy Development and Research at the above address.

If you need assistance to review the comments, the Department will provide you with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. The Department will make copies of the notice available, upon request, in large print and as an electronic file on computer disk. The Department will consider providing the notice in other formats upon request. To schedule an appointment to review the comments and/or obtain the draft research plan in an alternate format, contact the Office of Policy Development and Research at (202) 693–3700 (VOICE) (this is not a toll-free number) or 1–877–889–5627 (TTY/TDD).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Javar, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development and Research, Room N–5641, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693–3677 (this is not a toll-free number); fax: (202) 693–2766; email: javar.janet@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 171 of WIA, the Secretary of Labor is required to submit, every two years, a plan that describes priorities for pilot, demonstration, multiservice, multistate, and research projects. The Research Plan provides ETA with an extensive literature review of prior research, a summary of current research, and an identification of research topics related to workforce development programs and policies that should be taken into consideration over the next five years, from 2010–2015. In addition to ETA-funded studies, this Research Plan includes a number of studies and research efforts funded by other public and private organizations, such as state and local agencies, other Federal agencies, foundations and other non-profits, universities, and other stakeholders, to gain a better understanding of the gaps in employment and training research in order to identify high priority topics for research.

The Research Plan is composed of five chapters:
• Chapter I introduces the role of the plan in informing the decision-making process for carrying out research and evaluation.
• Chapter II identifies significant recently completed research and evaluation projects conducted in the years from 2005–2010.
• Chapter III identifies current and ongoing research and evaluation efforts.
• Chapter IV recommends five high priority topic areas for research.
• Chapter V summarizes the role of the plan.

In the development of the Research Plan, ETA calls for the consultation of interested parties to address national employment and training problems. With support from ETA, an extensive effort was made by the John J. Heldrich Center of Rutgers University to engage both internal and external stakeholders in the process of identifying research gaps and high priority topics for the public workforce system. The Heldrich Center produced a paper summarizing the findings from these efforts entitled Identifying Gaps and Setting Priorities for Employment and Training Research. This paper was a critical source for the Research Plan, and information from the paper was adopted as core parts of Chapters II, III, IV, and the appendices in the Research Plan. ETA is also accepting comments about the Research Plan in response to this notice. ETA will use this additional feedback to finalize the Research Plan before ultimately transmitting the plan to Congress.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of October, 2011.

Jane Oates,
Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (11–106)]

NASA Advisory Council; Technology
and Innovation Committee; Meeting

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Technology and Innovation Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The meeting will be held for the purpose of reviewing the status of the Space Technology programs; the status of activities within the Office of the Chief Technologist; and the status of the Draft NASA Space Technology Roadmaps being reviewed by National Research Council.

DATES: Friday, November 18, 2011, 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Local Time.